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BICKERSTAFF'S
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OR, A

Vindication of the STARS,

From all the False Imputations, and
Erroneous Assertions, of the late
JOHN PARTRIDGE, and all
other Mistaken Astrologers whatever.

AS ALSO,

A Brief Account of what Things are Truly
Occasioned by the Influence of Celestial
Bodies: Proving, That the Art of Telling
Fortunes, is an Imposture upon Innocent
Persons by Mock-Astrologers and Gypsies.

For the YEAR 1710.

*Nullem Numen abest, si sit Prudentia; sed Te
Nos facimus, Fortuna, Deam, Calog; locamus! Ju.*

While all each other with kind Wishes chear,
And Neighbour-Salutations joy the Year,
Live free (ye Britons) from Domestick Strife:
Ask Heav'n all else in one; ask ANNA's Life.

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TO URANIA.

MADAM,

THE Situation of the Earth, the Force of Caeſtial Bodies which move around it, as well as the different States they poſſeſs, and their various Influences on the inferior Part of the Universe, are admirably well deſcribed in the Book which I herewith ſend you; wherein the Doctrine of the Plurality of Worlds is delivered in a plain but noble Manner, at once to entertain the Imagination, and inform the Judgment, of an Intelligent Woman, wiſh whom I feigns a Converſation. I urge his Authority for adding an Almanack, as he does a System of Philoſophy; and acknowledge as great a Diſproportion between the Merit of the Authors, as there is between the Value of their Works. Theſe, Madam, are the Stars ſo often mentioned in my Epiſtles to you; and you will now ſee how juſtly your Eyes have been call'd ſuch, by the Effect they have had on the Behaviour of their Beſolders. When you conſider the mighty Order of the Worlds around you, it will encreaſe your Contempt of your little Life; but at the ſame Time, I hope it will add to the Enjoyment of it. It will wonderfully improve your beloved Pleaſures of Solitude; and ſure nothing can encreaſe the Satisfaction of contemplating the Works of the Creation, except that of reflecting upon being one of the moſt accompliſh'd Parts of it. This latter Thought you may very well entertain, while you praetiſe the Heavenly Qualities of doing great Kindneſſes, liſtning to the Voice of modeſt Affliction in a Word, in enjoying this Life with an immediate liſh and quick Hope of the Happineſs of the next. Beauty and Fortune are beſtowed on many; but on few as on you, in the unaffected Poſſeſſion of the former, and the true Application of the latter. I am,

Madam,

Your moſt Devoted, and
moſt Obedient Humble Servant

Iſaac Bickerſta

Useful Observations.

ALL Measures of Longitude are deduced from Barley-Corns; viz. 1 Thumb's Breadth, which is 7 Barley-Corns in Thickness, or 3 Barley-Corns in Length, (according to the Statute) make 1 Inch; a Palm or Hand is 3 Inches, (by which is mered the Size of Horses;) 12 Inches, 1 Foot; 3 Foot, 1 Yard; 5 Yards and an half, 1 Stature-Pole or Perch; 40 Perches, 1 Furlong; 8 Furlongs, 1 English Mile: In an English Mile are 320 Perches or Poles, 1056 Paces, 1760 Ells, 1760 Yards, 5280 Feet, 63360 Inches, and 190080 Barley-Corns.

The Dimensions of Great Britain, &c.

THE Length of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, from South to North, is 386 Miles, the broadest Place from the Land's End to *Sandwich*, is 79 Miles; the next broadest Place, which is between *David's* and *Tarmouth* in the East, is 240 Miles: The whole Compass of *England* is 1532 Miles.

The greatest Length of that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, South and North, is 480 Miles; and the Breadth, East and West, is 165 Miles; the whole Compass 1100 Miles.

The Length of *Ireland*, North and South, is 303 Miles; the greatest Breadth thereof, East and West, is 112 Miles: The whole Compass of the main Land 948 Miles.

The Isle of *Man* is in Length 28 Miles, the Breadth 8 Miles, and in Compass 91 Miles.

The Isle of *Anglsey* is in Length 21 Miles, in Breadth 18 Miles, in Compass 85 Miles.

The Isle of *Wight* is in Length 22 Miles, in Breadth 1 Miles, and in Compass 57 Miles.

The Isle of *Garnsey* is in Length 13 Miles, in Breadth 9 Miles: The whole Circumference is 36 Miles.

The Isle of *Jersey* is in Length 10 Miles, in Breadth 8 Miles, and in Compass 28 Miles.

A Chronological Account from the Creation to this present Year 1710.

SINCE the Creation of the World, according to Chronology, is	5659
Noah's Flood	4003
Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by Fire	3612
The Building of the Temple at Jerusalem	2827
Brute entered this Island	2816
The Building of London	2817
Julius Caesar conquered this Island	267
The Bible translated into Greek	1975
Glasing and Building with Stone in England	1048
London-Bridge with Thirty three Year Labour finished with Stone	501
The first Use of Guns	333
Printing first used in England	267
Gunpowder-Treason, November 5. 1605.	105
The Rebel Parliament began November 3. 1640.	70
King Charles II. his Happy Arrival at London, May 29. 1660.	53
A sad Mortality, whereof died of the Plague about 98596	45
The most dreadful Fire in London that followed, on September 2, 3, 4, 5.	44
The Discovery of the Popish Plot	32
A great Thirteen Weeks Frost	27
King James II. began his Reign, February 6. The King and Queen Crowned, April 23.	25
The Duke of Monmouth beheaded, July 15.	25
King William and Queen Mary Crowned, April 11.	21
King James II. (who abdicated his Kingdoms, December 18. 1688.) died at St. Germain's in France, September 5. 1701.	9
King William III. died March 8. 1702.	8
Queen ANNE Proclaimed	8
War Proclaimed against France and Spain	8
The Uniring of the Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland, May 1. 1707.	3

A TABLE of KINGS, &c. to this Year 1710.

KINGS. &c.	Began to Reign.		Reigned.		Years since they Reigned.	
			Y.	M. D.		
W. Conq.	Oct.	14. 1066	20	10 26	623	Sept. 9
W. Rufus	Sept.	9. 1087	12	10 23	610	Aug. 1
Henry 1	Aug.	1. 1100	35	4 1	575	Dec. 2
Stephen	Dec.	2. 1135	18	10 23	556	Oct. 25
Henry 2	Oct.	25. 1154	34	8 11	521	July 6
Richard 1	July	6. 1189	9	9 0	511	April 6
John	April	6. 1199	17	6 13	494	Oct. 19
Henry 3	Oct.	19. 1216	56	0 28	438	Nov. 16
Edward 1	Nov.	16. 1272	34	7 21	403	July 7
Edward 2	July	7. 1307	19	6 18	384	Jan. 25
Edward 3	Jan.	25. 1326	51	4 27	333	June 21
Richard 2	June	21. 1377	22	3 8	311	Sept. 29
Henry 4	Sept	29. 1399	13	5 19	298	Mar. 20
Henry 5	Mar.	20. 1412	9	5 11	288	Aug. 31
Henry 6	Aug.	31. 1422	38	6 1	250	Mar. 4
Edward 4	Mar.	4. 1460	22	1 5	227	April 9
Edward 5	April	9. 1483	0	2 13	227	June 22
Richard 3	June	22. 1483	2	2 0	225	Aug. 22
Henry 7	Aug.	22. 1485	23	8 0	201	April 22
Henry 8	April	22. 1509	37	9 6	164	Jan. 28
Edward 6	Jan.	28. 1546	6	5 8	157	July 6
Mary 1	July	6. 1553	5	4 11	152	Nov. 17
Elizabeth	Nov.	17. 1558	44	4 7	108	Mar. 24
James 1	Mar.	24. 1602	22	0 3	85	Mar. 27
Charles 1	Mar.	27. 1625	23	10 3	62	Jan. 30
Charles 2	Jan.	30. 1648	36	0 7	26	Feb. 6
James 2	Feb.	6. 1684	3	10 12	21	Feb. 13
Mary 2	Feb.	13. 1688	5	10 15	16	Dec. 28
William 3	Feb.	13. 1688	13	0 23	8	Mar. 8
ANNE	Mar.	8. 1701	Whom GOD preserve.			

Note, That every King began his Reign when the preceding King ended his.

TERMS, and their Returns. 1712.

Hilary Term begins January 23. ends February 13.

Essoin-Days.	Except.	Ret. Br.	Days of App.	
Offab. H. l. Jan. 20	21	21	23	Mon.
Quind. Hil. Jan. 27	28	28	30	Mon.
Craft. Purif. Febr. 3	4	4	6	Mon.
Offab. Purif. Febr. 9	10	11	13	Mon.

Easter Term begins April 26. ends May 22.

Quind. Pasch. April 24	25	25	26	Wed.
Tres Pasch. May 1	2	2	3	Wed.
Mens. Pasch. May 8	9	9	10	Wed.
Quing; Pasch. May 15	16	16	17	Wed.
Craft. Ascen. May 19	20	20	22	Mon.

Trinity Term begins June 9. ends June 28.

Craft. Trinit. June 5	6	7	9	Frid.
Offab. Trinit. June 12	13	13	14	Wed.
Quind. Trin. June 19	20	20	21	Wed.
Tres Trinit. June 26	27	27	28	Wed.

Michaelmas Term begins Octob. 23. ends Novemb. 28.

Tres Mich. Octob. 20	21	21	23	Mon.
Mens. Mich. Octob. 27	28	28	30	Mon.
Craft. Anim. Nov. 3	4	4	6	Mon.
Craft. Mart. Nov. 13	14	14	15	Wed.
Offab. Mart. Nov. 18	20	20	21	Tues.
Quind. Mart. Nov. 25	27	27	28	Tues.

Note, That the Exchequer opens Eight Days before any Term begins, except Trinity Term, before which it opens only Four Days. Note also, That the first and last Days of every Term are the first and last Days of Appearance.

Common

Common Notes for the Year 1710.

English Account.		Roman Account.	
	1	Golden Number	1
	11	Epact	1
	9	Dominical Letter	C
February	19	Shrove-Sunday	February 23
April	9	Easter-Day	April 13
May	28	Whit-Sunday	June 1
June	4	Trinity-Sunday	June 8
December	3	Advent-Sunday	November 30

Note, The *Gregorian* or *Roman* Account, since the Reformation in the Year 1582, till the Year 1700, was always 10 Days before ours; but now 'tis 11 Days, the Year 1700 being Leap-Year with us, and only a Common-Year with them, which causes our 1st Day of each Month, that before was their 11th, to be now their 12th Day, and the last Day of each Month to be their 11th.

The CALENDAR Explained.

THE Year, consisting vulgarly of 12 Calendar Months, is divided into 24 Pages, each Month containing 11 Columns, *viz.*

1. The Month-Days of the *English* Account.
2. The Days of the Week.
3. Saints-Days, Fixed and Movable Feasts, the Terms, and Length of Days.
4. The Moon's Place.
5. High Water at *London-Bridge* every Day.
6. Alteration of the Weather.
7. The Month-Days of the *Roman* Account.
8. The Month-Days of the *English* Account repeated again.
- 9, & 10. The Sun's Rising and Setting every Day in the Year.
11. Monthly Observations: And at the Bottom, the Changes of the Moon.

January hath xxxi Days.

Bless'd Peasant! Innocent of civil Ill,
The coming Year with daily Labour fill.
By thee let Country Markets be supply'd ;
But leave enough for cheerful Home beside,
Thy Wife and tender Children to maintain ;
And feed with Thanks the dumb deserving Train.

Day	Mon	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	Part Place.	Hi. W. ac Lon. Br.	Alteration of Weather.	Rem. Acc.
1	h	New Year's Day	arms	12 A 36	Dark and	C
2	h	Macarius.	should.	1 M 24	cloudy	13
3	c	Florentinus.	breast	2 12	Weather,	14
4	d	Day lengthned	stomac	3 c	with moist	15
5	e	30 Minutes.	heart	3 53	Air, incli-	16
6	f	Epiphany	back	4 4	ning to	17
7	g	Canutus K. M	bowels	5 37	Snow, Sleet,	18
8	h	St S. aft. Epip	belly	6 29	or cold	C
9	h	Day lengthned	loins	7 19	Rain.	20
10	c	45 Minutes.	reins	8 10		21
11	d	Hygin P.	secrets	9 c		22
12	e	☉ in Aquarius.	&	9 51		23
13	f	Hilary B.	bladder	10 43	Wet and	24
14	g	Day len, 1 Hour.	hips	11 35	Windy	25
15	h	St S. aft. Epip	thighs	12 27	Weather.	C
16	h	Marcus P. M.	knees	1 A 19		27
17	c	Anthony Ab.	&	2 10	Clearer Air	28
18	d	Prisca V.	hams	3 c	inclining to	29
19	e	D. I. 1 h. 15 m.	legs	3 48	Frost.	30
20	f	Fabian.	arches	4 36		31
21	g	Agnes.	feet	5 24		I
22	h	St S. aft. Epip.	&	6 12	Dry Wind	C
23	h	Term begins.	roes	7 c	and fair	3
24	c	D. I. 1 h. 30 m.	head	7 41	Weather.	4
25	d	St Paul	face	8 36		5
26	e	Polycar. B. M.	neck	9 24	Drifts of	6
27	f	Chryf. B.	throat	10 12	Snow.	7
28	g	D. I. 1 h. 45 m.	arms	11 c		8
29	h	St S. aft. Epip	should.	11 48	Cold Wind	C
30	h	St Ch. Marc	breast	12 36		10
31	c	Virgilius M.	stomac.	1 M 24		11

January, 1710.

The Weather know, the Setting of the Winds,
For Culture, suiting to the several Kinds
Of Seeds and Plants; know what will thrive and rise,
And what the Genius of the Soil denies :
Else is your impious Toil against the Laws,
Impos'd by Nature, and by Nature's Cause.

Mo. Sun Rise. Sun Set.

Monthly Observations.

Mo.	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.
1	8	9	3	51
2	8	8	3	52
3	8	7	3	53
4	8	6	3	54
5	8	4	3	56
6	8	3	3	57
7	8	1	3	59
8	8	0	4	0
9	7	58	4	2
10	7	56	4	4
11	7	55	4	5
12	7	54	4	6
13	7	52	4	8
14	7	51	4	9
15	7	50	4	10
16	7	41	4	12
17	7	46	4	14
18	7	44	4	16
19	7	43	4	17
20	7	41	4	19
21	7	39	4	21
22	7	37	4	23
23	7	35	4	25
24	7	34	4	26
25	7	32	4	28
26	7	30	4	30
27	7	28	4	32
28	7	26	4	34
29	7	24	4	36
30	7	22	4	38
31	7	20	4	40

Uncover Fruit-tree Roots, and then lay Dung to them if open Weather. Gather Gions for Grafts before any Buds sprout, and cleanse your Trees from Moss. Plant Quicksets; trans-plant young Fruit-trees, and prune the old towards the De-crease of the Moon. Set young, and prune old Vines. Begin to nail and trim your Wall-Fruit. Set Beans and Pease. Sow Lettice, Chevi, Spinage, Radish, and other Salading in hot Beds. Turn up your Bee-hives, and sprinkle them with a little warm and sweet Wort.

Preserve your Auricula's and best July-flowers, and your early Anemonies and Ranunculus's from too much Wet, Frost, or Snow; as likewise your Carna-tions. About the middle of this Month, plant your Anemony and Ranunculus Roots, to f-cure them.

Full Moon, 4 day, 9 min. before 12 at noon.

Last Quarter 12 day, 3 min. after 6 at night.

New Moon 18 day 40 min. past 5 after noon.

First Quarter 25 day, at 12 at night.

February hath xxviii Days.

Now when cold Winter, and continu'd Rain,
The lab'ring Husband in his House restrain;
Let him forecast his Work with timely Care,
(Which else is huddled when the Skies are fair)
Then let him mark his Sheep, or what his Store.

M.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	D's Place.	Hi. W. at Land. Br.	Alteration of Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	d Ignatius B.	heart	2 M 12	High Wind.	12
2	e Purif. V. Mary	back	3	oand dry	13
3	f Blasius B.	bowels	3 48	Weather.	14
4	g D. l. 2 h. 15 m.	belly	4 36		15
5	e Agathangela.	loins	5 24		16
6	h CANNE born	reins	6 12	Frost, with	17
7	c Romwaldus.	secrets	7	o some Drifts	18
8	d D. l. 2 h. 30 m.	&	7 48	of Snow.	19
9	e Apollonia.	bladder	8 36		20
10	f Scholastica V.	hips	9 24	Windy.	21
11	g 9 in Pisces.	rhights	10 12		22
12	e Agathangela.	knees	11 0		23
13	h	&	11 48	Dark Air,	24
14	l Valentine.	hams	12 36	and cold	25
15	d Faustinus M.	legs	1 A 24	Weather,	26
16	e Day len. 3 Hou.	ankles	2 12	inclining to	27
17	f	feet	3 0	Rain.	28
18	g Eluther B. M.	&	3 48		29
19	e Shrove-Sund.	roes	4 36		30
20	h D. l. 3 h. 15 m.	head	5 24		31
21	c Shrove-Tuesd.	face	6 12	Windy and	4
22	d	neck	7	o wet Wea-	5
23	e D. l. 3 h. 30 m.	throat	7 48	ther.	6
24	f	arms	8 36		7
25	g Victorin. M.	&	9 24	Fair and	8
26	e	should.	10 12	Frosty Wea-	9
27	h Leander B.	breast	11 0	ther.	10
28	c D. l. 3 h. 45 m.	stomac.	11 48		11

February, 1760.

As Legions in the Field their Front display,
To try the Fortune of some doubtful Day ;
So let thy Hops in-Intervals be set,
But not their Rural Discipline forget.
Indulge their Width, and add a roomy Space,
That their extremest Lines may scarce embrace.

No. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	7	18	4	42	<p>You must begin to graft Apples, Pears, Plumbs, Cherries, &c. Cover the Roots of those Fruit-trees left bare the last Month; and prune such of your Fruit-trees and Vines as could not be done then. Plant Vines, Hops, &c. Set all Sorts of Kernels and Stony Seeds. Sow and set Beans, Pease, Asparagus, Radish, Cornsalad, Parsneps, Carrots, Onions, &c. Plant Cabbage-Plants, Potatoes, Parsley, Spinage, &c. Steep Melon and Cucumber-seeds in new Milk 24 Hours, and sow them in a hot Bed, keeping the Bed covered till they appear, and then uncover it in clear and Sun-shine Weather, but cover it again at Night.</p> <p>Now secure choice Flowers in Beds with Tiles as soon as they appear above Ground. Sow Auricula Seeds in good mellow Earth. Plant Anemonies.</p>
2	7	17	4	43	
3	7	15	4	45	
4	7	13	4	47	
5	7	11	4	49	
6	7	9	4	51	
7	7	7	4	53	
8	7	5	4	55	
9	7	3	4	57	
10	7	1	4	59	
11	6	59	5	1	
12	6	57	5	3	
13	6	54	5	6	
14	6	52	5	8	
15	6	50	5	10	
16	6	48	5	12	
17	6	46	5	14	
18	6	44	5	16	
19	6	42	5	18	
20	6	40	5	20	
21	6	38	5	22	
22	6	36	5	24	
23	6	34	5	26	
24	6	32	5	28	
25	6	30	5	30	
26	6	29	5	31	
27	6	27	5	33	
28	6	24	5	36	

Full Moon 2 day, at 11 at night.

Last Quarter 10 day, 20 min. after 6 at night.

New Moon 17 day, 30 min. after 12 at noon.

First Quarter 25 day, at 4 in the morning.

March hath xxxi Days.

While yet the Spring is young, while Earth unbinds
Her frozen Bosom to the Western Winds ;
Begin the Labours of the growing Year,
Produce the Plough, and yoke the sturdy Steer :
But e're you stir the yet unbroken Ground,
The various Course of Seasons must be found.

N.D.	M.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	Part's Place.	Hi. W. at Lond. Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	d	David Bish.	heart	12 A 36	Good Spring	12
2	e	Exeter Week	back	1 M 24	Weather	13
3	f	Winwalock.	bowels	2 12	all the fore	14
4	g	Eclipsed	belly	3 c	Part of this	15
5	h	3 ^d Su. in Lent	loins	3 48	Month.	16
6	i	D. l. 4 h. 15 m.	reins	4 36		17
7	j	Perpetua. V.	secrets	5 24		18
8	k	Quinn's Proc.	memb.	6 12		19
9	l	Prudentius.	hips	7 c		20
10	m	D. l. 4 h. 30 m.	&	7 48		21
11	n	☉ in Aries.	thighs	8 36	Wind, with	22
12	o	4 th Su. in Lent	knees	9 24	some Storms	23
13	p	Equal Day and	hams	10 12	of Hail.	24
14	q	Night.	legs	11 c		25
15	r	Longinus M.	&	11 48	Diversity of	26
16	s	Cyriacus M.	ankles	12 36	Weathers all	27
17	t	Patrick B.	feet	1 A 24	the latter	28
18	u	Day len. 5 Hou.	toes	2 12	Part of the	29
19	v	5 th S. in Lent	head	3 c	Month, as	30
20	w	Jorchimus.	face	3 51	Rain, Hail,	31
21	x	Benedict Ab.	neck	4 43	Wind, with	1
22	y	D. l. 5 h. 15 m.	&	5 35	some Drifts	2
23	z	Singular.	throat	6 27	of Snow or	3
24	a	Aganitus.	arms	7 19	sleet.	4
25	b	LADY-DAY	should.	8 10		5
26	c	6 th S. in Lent	breast	9 c		6
27	d	John Erem.	stomac.	9 51		7
28	e	Albert.	heart	10 43		8
29	f	D. l. 5 h. 45 m.	back	11 35		9
30	g	Clemacus Ab.	bowels	12 27		10
31	h	Adelm.	belly	1 M 19		11

March, 1710.

Wild Trees receiving Grafts of other Kind,
And thence transplanted, change their savage Mind:
And in short Space the laden Boughs arise,
With happy Fruit advancing to the Skies,
The Mother-Plant admires the Leaves unknown,
Of alien Trees, and Apples not her own.

D. W.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	5	20	5	40	All this Month you may Graft, if not an extraordinary forward Spring. Plant Peaches and Nectarines early, not cutting off the Top-roots, as in other Trees. Slip and set Sage, Thyme, Rosemary, Lavender, &c. Sow Endive, Succory, Leeks, Radishes, Parsneps, Parsley, Sallery, &c. in the Beginning of the Month. Sow also Lettice, Onions, Garlick, Turneps, Carrots, Cabbages, Fease, Cresses, Marjoram, &c. Transplant Medicinal Herbs. Cover your Melon-Plants with Beer-Glasses till you remove them. By this Time the Bees sit, therefore keep them close Night and Morning if bad Weather. You must sow Pinks, Stock July-flowers, Carnations, Wall-Flowers, &c. Plant Box, &c. Transplant Julyflowers, and other fibrous-rooted Plants; and cover your choicest Tulips.
2	6	18	5	42	
3	6	16	5	44	
4	6	14	5	46	
5	6	11	5	49	
6	6	8	5	52	
7	8	6	5	54	
8	6	4	5	56	
9	6	2	5	58	
10	6	0	6	0	
11	5	58	6	2	
12	5	56	6	4	
13	5	54	6	6	
14	5	52	6	8	
15	5	50	6	10	
16	5	48	6	12	
17	5	46	6	14	
18	5	44	6	16	
19	5	42	6	18	
20	5	40	6	20	
21	5	38	6	22	
22	5	36	6	24	
23	5	34	6	26	
24	5	32	6	28	
25	5	30	6	30	
26	5	28	6	32	
27	5	26	6	34	
28	5	24	6	36	
29	5	22	6	38	
30	5	20	6	40	
31	5	18	6	32	

Full Moon 4 day, 19 min. after 8 in the morning.
Last Quarter 12 day, 24 min. after 5 in the morning.
New Moon 19 day, at 6 in the morning.
First Quarter 26 day, at 6 in the morning.

April hath xxx Days.

When Winter's Rage abates, when chearful Hours
Awake the Spring, and Spring awakes the Flow'rs,
On the green Turf thy careless Limbs display,
And celebrate the Maker of the Day.
Then all the Hills with pleasing Shades are crown'd
And Sleeps are sweeter on the silky Ground.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c	Parts Place.	Hi. W. at Lond. Br.	Alteration of Rom. Weather. Acc.	
1	G	Agelbert B.	loins	2M 10	Fair and	12
2		Feast Sunday.	reins	3	pleasant	13
3	h	Day len. 6 Hou.	secrets	3 48	Spring Wea-	14
4	c	St. Ambrose.	&	4 36	ther.	15
5	d	Vincentius.	bladder	5 24		16
6	e	Celsus B. M.	hips	6 12		17
7	f	Good Friday	thighs	7 0		18
8	G	Dionysius M.	knees	7 48	Suddain	19
9		Feast Sunday	hams	8 36	Showers of	20
10	h	D. I. 6 h. 30 m.	legs	9 24	Rain, with	21
11	c	☉ in Taurus.	&	10 12	some Hail.	22
12	d	Julius P.	ankles	11 0		23
13	e	D. I. 6 h. 45 m.	feet	11 48		24
14	f	Tiburcius.	toes	12 36		25
15	G	Basilissa M.	head	1A 24		26
16		Feast Sunday	&	2 12	Windy	27
17	h	Anicetus.	face	3 0	Weather.	28
18	c	Apollonius M.	neck	3 48		29
19	d	Alphage B.	throat	4 36	More tempe-	30
20	e	Sulpitius M.	arms	5 24	ate.	1
21	f	D. I. 7 h. 15 m.	should.	6 12		2
22	G	Sor. & Caj. M.	breast	7 0		3
23		Feast Sunday	stomac.	7 48	St. George &	4
24	h	Mellitus.	heart	8 36	Q. Anne Cr.	5
25	c	Mark Evan.	back	9 24		6
26	d	Feast Sunday	bowels	10 12	Fair and	7
27	e	Tertullian B.	belly	11 0	warm Wea-	8
28	f	Viralis.	loins	11 48	ther.	9
29	G	Paulinus.	&	12 36		10
30		Feast Sunday	reins	1M 24	Windy.	11

April, 1710.

Now when the golden Spring reveals the Year,
And the white Bird returns, whom Serpents fear :
This Season deem the best to plant thy Vines ;
Next that, is when Autumnal Warmth declines,
E're Heat is quite decay'd, or Cold begun,
Or *Capricorn* admits the Winter Sun.

Mo. D.	Sun Rises.		Sun Sets.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	5	16	6	44	Set Thyme, Lavender, Penny- Royal, Rosemary, Sage, Slips of Artichokes, &c. Sow Scurvey- grafs, Sweet-Marjoram, Purslain, Lettice, Winter-Savory, Hyssop, Radishes, Marygolds, Basil, Colli- flowers, &c. Plant forth your Cucumbers and Melons the mid- dle of the Month. Sow Turneps, set French-Beans. Now the Bees hatch, therefore open the Hives. Now graft Pomegranates, Jella- mines, Oranges, Lemons, &c. Transplant Primroses, Violets, &c. Shelter from the Sun Auricula's that are feeding. Water Ranun- culus's, Anemonies, and Plants, that are in Pots, once in two or three Days, as Occasion requires. Keep your Auricula's, Anemo- nies, Ranunculus's, and your best Tulips, from the Heat of the Sun and Storms. Keep your hot Beds for such Plants as are not yet come to Perfection.
2	5	14	6	46	
3	5	12	6	48	
4	5	10	6	50	
5	5	8	6	52	
6	5	6	6	54	
7	5	5	6	55	
8	5	3	6	57	
9	5	2	6	58	
10	5	0	7	0	
11	+	57	7	3	Now graft Pomegranates, Jella- mines, Oranges, Lemons, &c. Transplant Primroses, Violets, &c. Shelter from the Sun Auricula's that are feeding. Water Ranun- culus's, Anemonies, and Plants, that are in Pots, once in two or three Days, as Occasion requires. Keep your Auricula's, Anemo- nies, Ranunculus's, and your best Tulips, from the Heat of the Sun and Storms. Keep your hot Beds for such Plants as are not yet come to Perfection.
12	4	55	7	5	
13	4	53	7	7	
14	4	51	7	9	
15	4	49	7	11	
16	4	47	7	13	
17	4	45	7	15	
18	4	43	7	17	
19	4	41	7	19	
20	4	39	7	21	
21	4	38	7	22	Full Moon 2 day, at 5 after noon. Last Quarter 9 day, 6 min after 11 at night. New Moon 17 day, at 10 at night. First Quarter 25 day, 20 min. after 4 morning.
22	4	36	7	24	
23	+	34	7	26	
24	+	32	7	28	
25	+	30	7	30	
26	+	28	7	32	
27	+	27	7	33	
28	+	25	7	35	
29	4	23	7	37	
30	+	21	7	39	

Full Moon 2 day, at 5 after noon.

Last Quarter 9 day, 6 min after 11 at night.

New Moon 17 day, at 10 at night.

First Quarter 25 day, 20 min. after 4 morning.

May hath xxxi Days.

Now for thy Bees a quiet Station find,
And lodge them under Covert of the Wind;
Far from the Cows and Goats insulting Crew,
That trample down the Flow'rs, and brush the Dew:
But near a living Stream their Manſion place,
Edg'd round with Moſs, and Tufts of matted Graſs.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days, Feaſts, &c.	Y's Place	Hi.W.at Lond. Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	h	Phil. & Jac.	ſecrets	2 M 2	Fair and	12
2	c	Athanaſius.	memb.	3	owarm Wea-	13
3	d	Inven. Crucis.	hips	3 48	her.	14
4	e	Day len. 8 Hou.	thighs	4 36		15
5	f	Algire Q.	knees	5 24		16
6	g	S. Jo. Port. Lar	&	6 12	Pleasant	17
7	h	Whit. Eaſter	hams	7	o Weather,	18
8	i	Wire C.	legs	7 48	with inter-	19
9	j	Greg. Naz.	ances	8 36	vening	20
10	k	D. l. 8 h. 15 m.	feet	9 24	Showers of	21
11	l	☉ in Gemini.	&	10 12	Rain.	22
12	m	Pancratius	toes	11	o	23
13	n	Merwina V.	head	11 48		24
14	o	Whit. Eaſter	face	12 36	Wind, with	25
15	p	Dymn. Virg.	neck	1 A 24	ſome Rain.	26
16	q	D. l. 8 h. 30 m.	throat	2 12		27
17	r	Reſtituta M.	arms	3	o	28
18	s	Ascenſion-day.	ſhould.	3 51		29
19	t	Dunſtan.	breast	4 43	Fair and	30
20	u	Elthelbert K.	ſtomac.	5 35	hot Wea-	31
21	v	Whit. Eaſter.	heart	6 27	ther.	1
22	w	Whit. Eaſter.	&	7 19		2
23	x	Deſiderius M.	back	8 10		3
24	y	D. l. 8 h. 45 m.	bowels	9	o	4
25	z	Urban P.	belly	9 51	Suddain	5
26	a	Auguſtine.	loins	10 43	Showers,	6
27	b	Ven. Bede.	reins	12 35	with ſome	7
28	c	Whit-Sunday	ſecrets	12 27	Thunder.	8
29	d	Ch. II. N.R.	memb.	1 M 19		9
30	e	Heyna V.	hips	2 10	A pleaſant	10
31	f	Petronella V.	thighs	3	o Seaſon.	11

May, 1710.

For when the Spring and Golden Suns appear,
And under Earth have driv'n the Winter Year,
The Winged Nation wanders through the Skies,
And o're the Plains and shady Forrest flies:
They breed, they brood, instruct, and educate,
And make Provision for the future State.

M. D.	Sun Rise.	Sun Set.
10. Min.	10. Min.	
1	4 19	7 41
2	4 17	7 43
3	4 15	7 45
4	4 14	7 46
5	4 12	7 48
6	4 11	7 49
7	4 10	7 50
8	4 8	7 52
9	4 7	7 53
10	4 6	7 54
11	4 4	7 56
12	4 3	7 57
13	4 2	7 58
14	4 0	8 0
15	3 59	8 1
16	3 58	8 2
17	3 57	8 3
18	3 56	8 4
19	3 55	8 5
20	3 53	8 7
21	3 52	8 8
22	3 51	8 9
23	3 50	8 10
24	3 49	8 11
25	3 48	8 12
26	3 47	8 13
27	3 46	8 14
28	3 45	8 15
29	3 45	8 15
30	3 44	8 16
31	3 43	8 17

Monthly Observations.

Take care of your Melons:
Uncover them at the End of the
Month. Inoculate your Buds, if
they be ready. Sow Cabbage
and Purslain.

Plant Stock-Julyflowers in Beds
at the Full of the Moon. Sow
hot and Aromatick Herbs. Trans-
plant Flos Africanus, Amaranths,
&c. from hot Beds into good
Ground, and in the Sun as much
as you can. Bring forth your
Orange-Trees, remove and trans-
plant them. Put fresh Earth at
the Top of your housed Plants
which you do not remove, and
cleanse the Dust from them. Cut
the Stalks of those Roots which
are dry. Shade your Julyflowers
and Carnations after Mid-day
Gather Anemony-Seeds when the
Dew rises, and keep it from the
Wet.

Full Moon 2 day, 37 min after 1 morning.
Last Quarter 8 day, 45 min. after 9 morning.
New Moon 17 day, 7 min. after 12 at noon.
First Quarter 24 day, at 9 at night.
Full Moon the last Day, 53 min. after 10 morning.

June hath xxx Days.

When first the Moon appears, if then she shroud
Her Silver Crescent, tip'd with sable Clouds;
Conclude she bodes a Tempest on the Main,
And brews for Fields, impetuous Floods of Rain,
Or if her Face with fiery Blushing glow,
Expect the ratling Winds aloft to blow.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	Hi. W. at Lond. Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rem. Acc.
1	e	Ember-Week.	thighs	3 M 48	Wind, with	
2	f	Marcellinus P.	knees	4 36	some Show-	
3	g	Crotildes M.	hams	5 24	ers, and	
4	a	Trinity-Sund.	legs	6 12	Claps of	
5	b	Boniface.	&	7 0	Thunder.	
6	c	Norbertus B.	ankles	7 48		
7	d	Paulus Episc.	feet	8 36	Fair Wea-	
8	e	Daylen. 9 hours.	toes	9 24	ther.	
9	f	Term begins.	head	10 12		
10	g	☉ in Cancer.	&	11 0		
11	a	St. Barnabas.	face	11 48	Continual	
12	b	The Longest Day,	neck	12 36	Day, and no	
13	c	16 ho. 38 min.	throat	1 A 24	dark Night,	
14	d	Basilus Magn.	arms	2 12	(only Twi-	
15	e	Vitus & Mod.	should.	3 0	light) from	
16	f	Randulus M.	breast	3 51	the 12th of	
17	g	Volcmannus.	stomac	4 43	May to the	
18	a	End past Trinit.	heart	5 35	12th of July.	
19	b	Gervasius M.	back	6 27		
20	c	Silverius P.M.	bowels	7 19		
21	d	Albanus M.	belly	8 10		
22	e	Alban.	loins	9 0	Fair and hot	
23	f	Audrey Q.	reins	9 51	Weather.	
24	g	St. JOHN Bap.	secrets	10 43		
25	a	End past Trinit.	&	11 35		
26	b	Joh. & Paul M	bladder	12 27	Showers of	
27	c	Ladislaus Rex.	hips	1 M 19	Rain.	
28	d	Term ends.	thighs	2 10		
29	e	Peter Apost.	knees	3 0		
30	f	Theodore.	hams	3 48	Fair.	

June, 1716.

But Four Nights old, (for that's the surest Sign)
With sharpen'd Horns, if glorious then she shine,
Next Day, not only that, but all the Moon,
Till her revolving Race be wholly run,
Are void of Tempests both by Land and Sea,
And Sailors in the Port their Vows shall pay.

Rom.
Acc.

Mo. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.	
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.
1	3	42	8	18
2	3	42	8	18
3	3	42	8	18
4	3	41	8	19
5	3	41	8	19
6	3	41	8	19
7	3	41	8	19
8	3	41	8	19
9	3	41	8	19
10	3	41	8	19
11	3	41	8	19
12	3	41	8	19
13	3	41	8	19
14	3	41	8	19
15	3	41	8	19
16	3	41	8	19
17	3	41	8	19
18	3	41	8	19
19	3	42	8	18
20	3	42	8	18
21	3	42	8	18
22	3	43	8	17
23	3	44	8	16
24	3	44	8	16
25	3	45	8	15
26	3	46	8	14
27	3	47	8	13
28	3	48	8	12
29	3	49	8	11
30	3	50	8	10

Monthly Observations.

Sow Radish, Lettuce, Chervil,
&c. Inoculate Peaches, Apri-
cocks, Apples, Pears, Plumbs,
&c. Distil Aromatick Plants.
Gather Herbs to keep at Full-
Moon, and dry them in the
Shade. Clear your Vines of exu-
berant Branches, &c. Look to
your Bees for Swarms. Destroy
Insects.

Lay Julyflowers, and they will
take Root in 6 Weeks: Trans-
plant them into a light Earth,
but keep them from too much
Rain. Keep those Julyflowers
which are now blown for Seed;
let them have but few Layers or
Buds, and keep them as dry as
you can; but preserve not those
that break their Pods. Transplant
Autumnal Cyclamens. Take up
Ranunculus's, Anemonies, and
Tulips, after Rain, if the Stalks
are wither'd, and dry the Root. Ga-
ther Flower-Seed, and keep it dry.

Last Quarter 8 day, 45 min. after 9 morning.
New Moon 15 day, 22 min. after 11 before noon.
First Quarter 22 day, 15 min. past 1 afternoon.
Full Moon 29 day, 30 min. after 9 at night.

July hath xxxi Days.

Thrice happy he, who studying Nature's Laws,
Through known Effects, can trace the secret Cause
But happy too, who in his Rural Bower,
Tho' with less Knowledge, thanks the giving Power,
He envies not the Rich their lavish Store,
Yet with a helping Hand *condoles* the Poor.

M.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	Hi.W. at Lond. Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rem. Acc.
1	g Romwaldus.	legs	4 M 36	Gentle	12
2	h 4th past Trin.	&	5 24	Wind, and	13
3	h Anatolius M.	ankles	6 12	some Show-	14
4	c Odo ABp.	feet	7	ers of Rain	15
5	d Anselmus B.	toes	7 48		16
6	e Heitor. M.	head	8 36		17
7	f D. short. 30 m.	&	9 24		18
8	g Edgar, K. C.	face	10 12		19
9	h 5th past Trin.	neck	11	o Various	20
10	h Sept. Fratres.	throat	11 48	Weather.	21
11	c O in Leo.	arms	12 36		22
12	d Day sh. 45 min.	should.	1 A 24		23
13	e Anaclet. P. M.	breast	2 12	More cer-	24
14	f Bonavent. B.	stomac.	3	tain, and	25
15	g St. Swithin.	heart	3 48	very good	26
16	h 6th past Trin.	back	4 36	Harvest	27
17	h Day sh. 1 hour.	bowels	5 24	Weather	28
18	c Erider, B. M.	belly	6 12	the most	29
19	d Dog-Days beg.	loins	7	o Part of the	30
20	e Margaret V.	reins	7 48	Month.	31
21	f Praxades V.	secrets	8 36		1
22	g S Mary Magd.	&	9 24		2
23	h 7th past Trin.	bladder	10 12		3
24	h Rufinus.	hips	11	o	4
25	c St. James Apo	thighs	11 48	Gentle	5
26	d St. Anne.	knees	12 36	Wind, and	6
27	e D. sh. 1 h. 30 m.	&	1 M 24	some small	7
28	f Celsus.	hams	2 12	Showers at	8
29	g Martha Virg.	legs	3	o the End.	9
30	h 8th past Trin.	ankles	3 48		10
31	h Ignat. Loyola	feet	4 36		11

July, 1710.

Long Practice has a sure Improvement found,
With kindled Fires to burn the barren Ground,
When the light Stubble, to the Flames resign'd,
Is driv'n along, and crackles in the Wind,
The Soil feels Comfort, and the Womb of th'Earth
Is warm'd with secret Strength for better Birth.

No. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	3	51	8	9	Sow latter Pease, Radish, Lettuce, and Chervil, &c. for young Salading. Prune Peaches and Apricocks, and keep as many of the young likeliest Shoots as are well placed. Water Layers and planted Trees. Clear your Wall-Fruit from superfluous Leaves. Stop the exuberant Shoots of Vines at the second Joint. Let such Herbs, &c. as you would save, run to Seed. Streighten the Entrance of your Bee-hives, and destroy Drones, Wasps, &c.
2	3	52	8	8	
3	3	52	8	8	
4	3	53	8	7	
5	3	54	8	6	
6	3	56	8	4	
7	3	57	8	3	
8	3	58	8	2	
9	3	59	8	1	
10	4	0	8	0	
11	4	2	7	58	Sow Anemony-Seeds, keeping them temperately moist. From this Month until Michaelmas lay Carnations and Julyflowers for Encrease; as also Jessamines, Laurels, Myrtles, &c. Slip Stocks; and other Plants and Flowers. Water your planted Shrubs and Layers. Clip Box after Rain. Sift your Beds for Anemonie, Ranunculus's, &c. at the End.
12	4	3	7	57	
13	4	4	7	56	
14	4	6	7	54	
15	4	7	7	53	
16	4	8	7	52	
17	4	10	7	50	
18	4	11	7	49	
19	4	12	7	48	
20	4	14	7	46	
21	4	15	7	45	Last Quarter 7 day, 6 min. past 3 afternoon. New Moon 15 day, 8 min. after 9 morning. First Quarter 22 day, 7 min. after 3 morning. Full Moon 29 day, 23 min. after 10 morning.
22	4	17	7	43	
23	4	18	7	42	
24	4	20	7	40	
25	4	22	7	38	
26	4	23	7	37	
27	4	25	7	35	
28	4	27	7	33	
29	4	28	7	32	
30	4	30	7	30	
31	4	32	7	28	

August hath xxxi Days.

Oh happy ! if he knew his happy State,
The Swain, who free from Business and Debate,
Receives his easy Food from Nature's Hand,
And just Returns of cultivated Land.
Whose home-bred Plenty does the Owner bless,
And Rural Pleasures crown his Happiness.

No.	W.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	Hi.W.a. and.B	Alteration of Weather.	Rem. Acc.
1	c	Lammas-Day.	feet	5M24	Fair and	12
2	d	Stephen P M	toes	6 12	seasonable	13
3	e	Inv. Stev. Rel.	head	7 0	Weather,	14
4	f	Dominic.	face	7 48	but windy.	15
5	g	Day shor. 2 hou.	neck	8 36		16
6	g	24th past Trin.	throat	9 24		17
7	h	& Transf. N. Je.	arms	10 2		18
8	i	Cyriachus M.	&	11 0		19
9	j	Hugo B.	should.	11 48		20
10	k	Laurence.	breast	12 36	Storms of	21
11	l	○ in Virgo.	stomac	1A 24	Rain or	22
12	m	Clara Virg.	heart	2 12	Hail.	23
13	n	25th past Trin.	back	3 0		24
14	o	Eusebius C.	bowels	3 48	White dis.	25
15	p	Assumpt. B. V.	belly	4 36	perfed	26
16	q	Hyacinth. C.	loins	5 24	Clouds, and	27
17	r	D. sh. 2 h. 45 m.	reins	6 12	Rain ensu-	28
18	s	Helena.	secrets	7 0	ing.	29
19	t	Magnus.	memb.	7 48		30
20	u	26th past Trin.	hips	8 36		31
21	v	Day shor. 3 hou.	thighs	9 24		32
22	w	Tim. M.	knees	10 12	Wet and	33
23	x	Justinian.	&	11 0	owindy Wea	34
24	y	S. Barth. of Ap.	hams	11 48	ther.	35
25	z	D. sh. 3 h. 15 m.	egs	12 36		36
26	a	Zopherin. P. M.	ncles	1M24		37
27	b	27th past Trin.	feet	2 12	Fair and	38
28	c	St. Augustine.	&	3 0	pleasant	39
29	d	Deco. Jo. Bap	toes	3 48	Weather at	40
30	e	D. sh. 3 h. 30 m.	head	4 36	the End.	41
31	f	Paulinus B.	ace	5 24		42

August, 1710.

Unvex'd with Quarrels, undisturb'd with Noise,
The Country King his peaceful Realm enjoys.
Cool Grots and living Lakes, the flow'ry Pride
Of Meads and Stream that thro' the Valley glide;
And shady Groves that easy Sleep invite:
And after toilsome Days, a soft Repose at Night.

No. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	4	35	7	25	Sow Colliflowers and Cabbages for Winter Plants, Angelica, curled Endive, Onions, Spinage, Turneps, Parsneps, Carrots, Mary-golds, Lettuce, Cornsalad, and such other Plants as will endure the Winter. Transplant such Lettuce as you would have abide all the Winter. Pull up Garlick and ripe Onions, &c. Gather your Olibry-Seeds; and cut and clip before the Full-Moon all such Plants and Herbs within a Handful of the Ground. Prune Shoots and Branches of the second Spring; and inoculate early, if you did not begin before.
2	4	36	7	24	
3	4	38	7	22	
4	4	40	7	20	
5	4	41	7	19	
6	4	43	7	17	
7	4	45	7	15	
8	4	47	7	13	
9	4	48	7	12	
10	4	50	7	10	
11	4	52	7	8	Plant some Anemony-Roots to have Flowers all Winter. Sow Hollyhocks, Columbines, &c. This being the Season for the Budding of your Orange-Trees, inoculate at the Beginning of the Month. Towards the End is the Season for removing your perennial Greens.
12	4	54	7	6	
13	4	56	7	4	
14	4	58	7	2	
15	5	0	7	0	
16	5	2	6	58	
17	5	4	6	56	
18	5	6	6	54	
19	5	8	6	52	
20	5	10	6	50	
21	5	12	6	48	Last Quarter 5 day, 24 min. after 4 morning. New Moon 13 day, at 6 at night. First Quarter 21 day, at 12 at noon. Full Moon 28 day, 6 min after 1 morning.
22	5	14	6	46	
23	5	16	6	44	
24	5	18	6	42	
25	5	20	6	40	
26	5	22	6	38	
27	5	24	6	36	
28	5	26	6	34	
29	5	28	6	32	
30	5	30	6	30	
31	5	32	6	28	

September hath xxx Days.

The God of Heav'n and Earth with just Decrees,
Forbids our Plenty to be bought with Ease :
And wills that sinful Men inur'd to toil,
Should exercise with Pain th'unwilling Soil ;
That studious Need may useful Arts explore,
From furrow'd Fields to reap the seedful Store.

M.D.I.	W.D.I.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	Hi. W. at Lond. Br.	Alteration of Weather.	Rem. Acc.
1	f	Giles Ab.	neck	6M 12	Some Rain	12
2	g	London burnt.	&	7 0	at the Begin-	13
3	a	anno 1666.	throat	7 48	ning.	C
4	b	Theodos. M.	arms	8 36		15
5	c	Day shor. 4 hou.	should.	9 24		16
6	d	Zacharias Pr.	breast	10 12		17
7	e	Enurachus.	stomac.	11 0		18
8	f	Nat. V. Mary.	heart	11 48	Variable	19
9	g	D. sh. 4 h. 15 m.	back	12 36	Weather til	20
10	a	each past Tith.	bowels	1A 24	the middle	C
11	b	☉ in Libra.	belly	2 12	of the	22
12	c	Equal Day and	loins	3 0	Month.	23
13	d	Night.	reins	3 51		24
14	e	Holy	secrets	4 43		25
15	f	Cornelius.	memb.	5 38	Fair and	26
16	g	D. sh. 4 h. 45 m.	hips	6 27	Seasonable	27
17	a	each past Tith.	&	7 19	Weather.	C
18	b	Transf. Winoc.	thighs	8 10		29
19	c	Januar. &c. M.	knees	9 0		30
20	d	Ember Week.	hams	9 51		1
21	e	St. Matthew.	legs	10 43		2
22	f	Mauritius.	&	11 38	Cold Winds,	3
23	g	D. sh. 5 h. 15 m.	uncles	12 27	and frosty	4
24	a	each past Tith.	feet	1M 19	Mornings.	C
25	b	Cleophar.	oes	2 10		6
26	c	Cyprian.	head	3 0	Dry Wind.	7
27	d	D. sh. 5 h. 30 m.	&	3 48		8
28	e	Wenceslaus.	face	4 36		9
29	f	MICHAEL.	neck	5 28	Wet and	10
30	g	Jerome.	throat	6 12	Windy.	11

September, 1710.

To plant your Trees aright, be sure to mark
The Heav'n's Four Quarters on the tender Bark ;
And to the North or South restore the Side
Which at their Birth did Heat or Cold abide.
So strong is Custom, such Effects can use,
In tender Souls of pliant Plants produce.

Mo. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	5	35	6	25	Sow Lettice, Colliflowers, Radish, Spinage, Cabbages, &c. and Winter Herbs and Roots. Transplant Physical and eating Plants. Plant Strawberries out of the Woods. Earth Salad Herbs and Winter Plants; and plant forth Colliflowers and Cabbages sown the last Month. Gather such Winter Fruit as you find ripe; and release inoculated Buds. Take up your Bees, streightening the Entrance of those Hives which are left.
2	5	37	6	23	
3	5	39	6	21	
4	5	41	6	19	
5	5	43	6	17	
6	5	45	6	15	
7	5	47	6	13	
8	5	49	6	11	
9	5	51	6	9	
10	5	53	6	7	
11	5	56	6	4	Sow Primrose and Cowslip-Seeds, Auricula's and Crocus's. Stake your Autumnal Plants and Flowers. At Michaelmas remove your rarest Plants and choicest Greens into the Conservatory, if the Weather is fair and they are dry, and put fresh Mold to them. Myrtles will endure abroad near a Month longer.
12	5	58	6	2	
13	6	0	6	0	
14	6	2	5	58	
15	6	4	5	56	
16	6	6	5	54	
17	6	9	5	52	
18	6	11	5	49	
19	6	13	5	47	
20	6	15	5	45	
21	6	17	5	43	Last Quarter 5 day, 10 min. after 7 morning. New Moon 12 day, 10 min after 2 morning. First Quarter 19 day, 12 min. after 8 at night. Full Moon 26 day, 5 min. after 6 at night.
22	6	19	5	41	
23	6	21	5	39	
24	6	23	5	37	
25	6	25	5	35	
26	6	27	5	33	
27	6	29	5	31	
28	6	31	5	29	
29	6	33	5	27	
30	6	35	5	25	

October hath xxxi Days.

Now with assiduous Care from Winter keep,
Well fodder'd in the Stalls the tender Sheep.
Then spread with Straw the Bedding of thy Fold,
With Fern beneath, to fend the bitter Cold;
That free from Gouts thou may'st preserve thy Care,
And clear from Scabs, produc'd by freezing Air.

N C	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	th. W. at Lond. Br	Alteration c. Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	17th past Trin.	arms	7 M 0	Rain, with	C
2	h Thomas B.	should	7 48	some Wind.	13
3	c Gerardus Ab.	breast	8 36		14
4	d Day shor. 6 hou	tomac.	9 24		15
5	e Wilfrid ABp.	heart	10 12	Fair Wea-	16
6	f Faith V.	back	11 0	other for se-	17
7	g Marcus P. M.	bowels	11 48	veral Days.	18
8	18th past Trin.	&	12 36		C
9	h St. Dennis	belly	1 A 24		20
10	c Paulinus ABp	loins	2 12		21
11	d Ethelburga.	reins	3 0		22
12	e ☉ in Scorpio.	secrets	3 48		23
13	f Transf Edw. C	memb.	4 36		24
14	g Calitus P.	hips	5 24	Wind, with	25
15	19th past Trin	thighs	6 12	intervening	C
16	h D. sh. 6 h. 45 m.	knees	7 0	Showers of	27
17	i E. heldred.	&	7 48	Rain.	28
18	o St. Luke Evan	hams.	8 36		29
19	c Brideswid V.	legs	9 24		30
20	d Day shor. 7 hou	uncles	10 12		31
21	g Ursula M.	feet	11 0	Dry Wind,	Nov 1
22	20th past Trin.	&	11 48	inclining to	2
23	h Term begins.	oes	12 36	Frost.	3
24	c Maglorius B.	head	1 M 24		4
25	d Guilpin M.	ace	2 12		5
26	e Evaristus.	neck	3 0	Dark Air.	6
27	f Romwald.	broac	3 48		C
28	g S. Sim. & Jude	arms	4 36		8
29	21st past Trin	&	5 24	Cold and	9
30	h Agelnoth ABp	should.	6 12	cloudy	10
31	c Feelan B.	breast	7 0	Weather.	11

October, 1710.

Part of the Winter borrow for thy Corn,
And with thy Team the Gleebe in Furrows turn.
But if the Soil be barren, only scar
The Surface, and but lightly print the Share :
Left wicked Weeds, or left the barren Sand,
Should suck the Moisture from the thirsty Land.

No. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	6	38	5	22	Set Fruit-stores 3 Inches deep, with the sharp Ends upward, and cover them with Fern or Straw, and take them off again in the Spring. Remove Grafts after the second Year, except Dwarfs, but let them stand till the third. Gather Fruit remaining in the Decrease of the Moon, if the Weather is dry. Plant or transplant Fruit-Trees that have lost their Leaves, and so soon as they fall. Plant and quash Quickfers. Uncover the Roots of hasty-blooming or unthriving Trees. Trench Ground for Kitchen-Gardens and Orchards. You may continue Sowing what you did last Month. Set your choice Tulips. Plant some Ranunculus's and Anemonies, but cover them from the Frost, and give them Air in all temperate Intervals. All Sorts of bulbous Roots may now be safely buried.
2	6	40	5	20	
3	6	42	5	18	
4	6	44	5	16	
5	6	46	5	14	
6	6	48	5	12	
7	6	50	5	10	
8	6	52	5	8	
9	6	54	5	6	
10	6	56	5	4	
11	6	58	5	2	
12	7	0	5	0	
13	7	2	4	58	
14	7	4	4	56	
15	7	6	4	54	
16	7	8	4	52	
17	7	10	4	50	
18	7	12	4	48	
19	7	14	4	46	
20	7	16	4	44	
21	7	18	4	42	
22	7	20	4	40	
23	7	22	4	38	
24	7	23	4	37	
25	7	25	4	35	
26	7	27	4	33	
27	7	29	4	31	
28	7	31	4	29	
29	7	33	4	27	
30	7	34	4	26	
31	7	36	4	24	

Last Quarter 3 day, at 6 in the morning.
New Moon 11 day, at 12 at noon.
First Quarter 19 day, 10 min. past 2 afternoon.
Full Moon 26 day, at 12 at noon.

November hath xxx Days.

Now sprinkle sordid Ashes all around,
And load with fat'ning Dung thy Fallow Ground.
Young Elms with early Force in Copses bow,
Fit for the Figure of the crooked Plough.
No Laws, Divine or Humane, can restrain
From necessary Works the lab'ring Swain.

M.D.	W.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	's Place.	Hi. W. at Lond. Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	d	All Saints.	stomac.	7M48		12
2	e	All Souls.	heart	8 36		13
3	f	Winifrid V.	back	9 24	Cold Wind,	14
4	g	Agricola M.	bowels	10 12	with some	15
5	a	Powder Plot.	belly	11 0	Rain.	16
6	h	Day shor. 8 hou.	loins	11 48		17
7	i	Willibald B.	reins	12 36		18
8	d	Quat. Coro. M.	secrets	1A 24	Fair Wea-	19
9	e	Theodor. M.	memb.	2 12	ther.	20
10	f	D. sh. 8 h. 15 m.	hips	3 0		21
11	g	Martin B.	thighs	3 48	Sharp Wind,	22
12	a	1 st past Trin.	knees	4 36	inclining to	23
13	b	☉ in Sagittar.	&	5 24	Frost.	24
14	c	Lauren. B.	hams	6 12		25
15	d	D. sh. 8 h. 30 m.	legs	7 0		26
16	e	Edmond B.	ankles	7 48		27
17	f	Hugh B. L.	feet	8 36	Very cold	28
18	g	Hefechias M.	&	9 24	Wind.	29
19	a	1 st past Trin.	toes	10 12		30
20	b	Edmund K. M.	head	11 0	Some Drifts	1
21	c	Columban Ab	face	11 48	of Snow.	2
22	d	Cæcilia V. M.	neck	12 36		3
23	e	St. Clement.	&	1M24		4
24	f	Chrysogonus.	throat	2 12		5
25	g	Katherine V.	arms	3 0	Moist and	6
26	a	1 st past Trin.	should	3 48	cold Air,	7
27	b	Oda Virgin.	breast	4 36	with Wet,	8
28	c	Term ends.	stomac.	5 24	and some	9
29	d	Saturninus M.	heart	6 12	Sleet.	10
30	e	Andrew.	back	7 0		11

November, 1710.

When first the Soil receives the fruitful Seed,
Make no Delay, but cover it with Speed;
So fenc'd from Cold, the pliant Furrows break,
Before the surly Clod resists the Rake.
Then pray for Floods from high to rush amain,
With pregnant Streams to swell the teeming Grain.

Mo. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	7	38	4	22	Continue setting and transplanting Trees. Plant young Standard and Wall Trees, and furnish your Nursery with Stocks to graft on the following Year. Sow and set early Beans and Pease. Trench Ground for Artichokes. Turn your Melon Ground, mixing it with rich Earth, and lay it in Ridges against Spring. Lay up in Cellars, for Seed and for Spending, Turneps, Carrots, Colliflowers, Cabbages, Parsneps, &c. Crop Asparagus, covering it with long Dung, and make Beds to plant in Spring. Take up your Potatoes for Winter Spending. Plant fibrous Roots, Roses, &c. Sow Auricula Seeds. Plant Forest-Trees for Walks, &c. If the Weather requires it, quite enclose your tender Plants in your Conservatory.
2	7	39	4	21	
3	7	41	4	19	
4	7	42	4	18	
5	7	44	4	16	
6	7	46	4	14	
7	7	47	4	13	
8	7	49	4	11	
9	7	51	4	9	
10	7	52	4	8	
11	7	54	4	6	
12	7	55	4	5	
13	7	57	4	3	
14	7	58	4	2	
15	8	0	4	0	
16	8	1	3	59	
17	8	3	3	57	
18	8	4	3	56	
19	8	5	3	55	
20	8	7	3	53	
21	8	8	3	52	
22	8	9	3	51	
23	8	10	3	50	
24	8	11	3	49	
25	8	12	3	48	
26	8	12	3	48	
27	8	13	3	47	
28	8	14	3	46	
29	8	14	3	46	
30	8	15	3	45	

Last Quarter 2 day, at 3 in the morning.
New Moon 9 day, at 9 at night.
First Quarter 17 day, 10 min. past 3 afternoon.
Full Moon 25 day, at 6 in the morning.

December hath xxxi Days.

Now Wife and Husband equally conspire
To work by Night, and rake the Winter Fire.
He slips the Hemp-stalks in the glimin' ring Room;
She shoots the flying Shuttle through the Loom;
Or boils in Kettles fat'ning Mead, and skims
With Leaves the Dregs that overflow the Brims.

M.D.	M.D.	Saints Days, Feasts, &c.	Y's Place.	Hi W.a. Lond Br	Alteration of Weather.	Rom. Acc.
1	f	Virgilius B.	owels	7M48		☉
2	g	Bibiana Virg.	belly	8 36	Dark and	13
3	A	Advent-Sund.	loins	9 24	cloudy Wea-	14
4	h	Barbara V. M	reins	10 12	ther.	15
5	c	Sabbas Ab.	secrets	11 c		16
6	d	Nicholas.	memb.	11 48	Clearer Air,	17
7	e	Day shor. 9 hou.	hips	12 36	and dry	18
8	f	Conc. B.V.Ma	&	1A 24	Weather.	☉
9	g	☉ in Capricorn.	highs	2 12		20
10	A	Ad Sun. in Adv.	knees	3 c		21
11	b	The Shortest Day,	hams	3 48		22
12	c	7 h. 27 m.	legs	4 36		23
13	d	Lucy V.	&	5 24	Drifts of	24
14	e	Nicaius M.	ances	6 12	Snow.	25
15	f	Eusebius B.	feet	7 0		☉
16	g	O Sapientia.	oes	7 48	Very cold	27
17	A	Ad S. in Adv.	head	8 36	Weather.	28
18	b	Winebald Ab.	&	9 24		29
19	c	Ember-Week.	ace	10 12	Sharp Air,	30
20	d	Mathilda Q.	neck	11 0	and Frosty	31
21	e	S. Thomas Ap.	throat	11 48	Weather.	☉
22	f	Theodosius	arms	12 36		☉
23	g	Victoria V.M.	should.	1M24	High Wind.	3
24	A	Ad S. in Adv.	breast	1 12		4
25	b	CHRISTM. D	stomac.	3 0	Cold Rain,	5
26	c	St. Stephen.	heart	3 51	Snow, or	6
27	d	St. John Evan.	back	4 43	Sleet.	7
28	e	S. Innocents.	bowels	5 35		8
29	f	T. Beck. B.M.	belly	6 27		☉
30	g	S. David Rex.	loins	7 19	Dark and	10
31	A	Ad S. asc. Cha.	reins	8 9	cloudy.	11

December, 1710.

Now jovial Swains enjoy their wholesome Store,
Forget their Hardships, and recruit for more.
The Farmer to full Bowls invites his Friends,
And what he got with Pains, with Pleasure spends.
So Sailors, when escap'd from stormy Seas,
First crown their Vessels, then indulge their Ease.

Mo. D.	Sun Rise.		Sun Set.		Monthly Observations.
	Ho.	Min.	Ho.	Min.	
1	8	16	3	44	Set all Sorts of Stones, Kernels &c. Plant Vines and Stocks for Grafting. Turn and refresh your Autumnal Fruit. Prune and nail Wall-Fruit, (which yet you may defer a Month or two longer) and Standard Trees. Trench Ground, and dung it for Borders.
2	8	16	3	44	
3	8	17	3	43	
4	8	17	3	43	
5	8	18	3	42	
6	8	18	3	42	
7	8	18	3	42	
8	8	19	3	41	
9	8	19	3	41	
10	8	19	3	41	
11	8	19	3	41	Set your best Ranunculus's, in open Weather, in a Bed of rotten Straw or Thatch, with good Mold above and below; and set your best Anemonies in a rich light loamy Earth, sifted through a Wire Riddle. Preserve your Anemonies, &c. from violent Frosts or too much Rain. Keep the Windows and Doors of your Conservatory well matted. Set up Traps to catch Vermin. Keep your Fountain-Pipes from crack- ing with Frost, by covering them with warm Horse-Litter.
12	8	19	3	41	
13	8	19	3	41	
14	8	19	3	41	
15	8	19	3	41	
16	8	18	3	42	
17	8	18	3	42	
18	8	18	3	42	
19	8	17	3	43	
20	8	17	3	43	
21	8	16	3	44	
22	8	16	3	44	
23	8	15	3	45	
24	8	14	3	46	
25	8	14	3	46	
26	8	13	3	47	
27	8	12	3	48	
28	8	12	3	48	
29	8	11	3	49	
30	8	10	3	50	
31	8	9	3	51	

Last Quarter 2 day, 12 min. after 9 at night.
New Moon 9 day, 38 min. after 8 in the morning.
First Quarter 16 day, 20 min. after 4 afternoon.
Full Moon 24 day, 20 min. after 10 at night.

An Account of the Four Quarters of this YEAR 1710.

ON the 10th of *March*, about 10 Minutes before Noon, begins the *SPRING-QUARTER*; at which Time the Equinoctial Sign *Aries* is entred into by the *SUN*, which makes equal Day and Night throughout the World.

On the 10th of *June*, about 13 Minutes past 12 at Noon, begins the *SUMMER-QUARTER*; when the *SUN* enters into the Northern Tropical Sign *Cancer*, which makes the Longest Days in all the Northern, and the Shortest in all the Southern Parts of the World.

On the 12th of *September*, about half a Quarter of an Hour after 12 at Midnight, begins *AUTUMN* or the *HARVEST-QUARTER*; the *SUN* then entring into the Equinoctial Sign *Libra*, which makes Equal Day and Night again.

On the 10th of *December*, about 20 Minutes after 11 in the Morning, begins the *WINTER-QUARTER*; at which Time the Southern Tropical Sign *Capricorn* is entred into by the *SUN*, which makes the Shortest Days in all the Northern, and the Longest in all the Southern Parts of the World.

Of the ECLIPSES.

THere will be Four Eclipses: The First of the *MOON*, visible on *Febr. 2.* beginning about 5 min. past 9 at Night, and ending about 55 min. past 11. Almost 10 Parts in 12 of the Moon will be darken'd.

The Second, of the *SUN*, visible on *Febr. 17.* being the Time of New-Moon. This Eclipse will begin about half an Hour past Two after Noon; and about 8 Parts in 12 of the Sun's Body obscured.

The Third, of the *MOON*, on *July 28.* near 10 before Noon; so invisible to us.

The Fourth and last, is of the *SUN*, on *Aug. 13.* about 6 in the Afternoon; but the Moon having great South Lat. not like to be seen in *England*.

Bickerstaff. 1710.

A
TESTIMONIAL
OF THE
Death of Mr. Partridge.

Cousin Bickerstaff,

HAVING observ'd your great Sagacity in Predictions, whereby you have acquir'd perfect Knowledge in the Stars, I cannot but pay you my Compliment of Condolance upon the Death of one of your Fraternity, Mr. Partridge, whom many in the World would not believe to be dead, till I show'd them an undeniable Demonstration of it. For having lately perus'd his Works, Intituled, *Merlinus Liberatus*, for the Year 1709, I find, that he (contrary to all the Knowledge of the Stars) declares, we shall have a New Moon this present 3d of September. Now I having been abroad last Night, and seeing a pretty large broad-faced Moon, no more like a New Moon than an Owl is like a Partridge, do conclude, that No Man alive cou'd assert a New Moon on Sept. 3. Therefore his Understanding in Predictions must be lost, his Eye-sight totally lost likewise, (as it is certainly in Death) if he can't see that broad-faced Moon; and consequently Mr. Partridge must be dead, let others say what they will. I am,

S I R,

From Staff Hall in
Staffordshire,
Sept. 3. 1709.

Your loving Kinsman,
JEREMY WAGSTAFF.

A
DISSERTATION
CONCERNING
*Almanacks, the Art of Astrology,
and Palmistry.*

THE Decease of Mr. Partridge having robb'd the World of one who was receiv'd by a great part of Mankind for the most profound Astrologer of his Age, and that Proficient having differ'd from me in some Sentiments relating to his being alive, as well as other Matters of greater Importance, I have complied with the Importunity of Learned Men to compose an Almanack, and publish therein what may be proper for Vulgar Observation, but to keep conceal'd, or at least cover'd, in Terms known only to the Adept, whatever is too high for the ordinary Capacities of Mankind to receive. Certain it is, That this endless Enquiry after Futurity, which will come on whether we are Curious or not to foresee its Events, which Events would both allay our Joys, and double our Sorrows, if we knew of their arrival beforehand: I say, it is certain, That this Curiosity is an Indication that the Soul is too large for the State of this Life only, and flies to the Search of Things more suitable to her Greatness, or we should not have this Impatience for knowing what is to come implanted in us.

The Fate therefore of Kingdoms, Empires, and Great Men, is the Contemplation of the Astrologer, who is truly Learned; but an Almanack not being calculated for the Use of such, it is not expedient to com-

communicate Matters of so high Moment ; Artists have for the Benefit of the World condescended to meaner Examinations, and divide their Application between two Points, *The Foretelling Things past*, and *Recording Things to come*. These Positions must appear very Extravagant to those who have not turn'd their Thoughts this Way ; for whom I shall explain my Terms like a Logician, which I was bred to, before I took upon me to run into dark Disquisitions. For Reason is the Light of the Mind, and it is necessary for a Man to have his Eye-sight, to know whether he is in Darkness or not. Logick therefore being the Eye of the Sciences, and the Direction of our Way in the Study of them, I could not but acquaint the Reader that I had studied it, and by the by must recommend that, call'd, *The Art of Thinking*, to all who would be, or appear, Learned in the abstruse Paths of Knowledge.

But to return to my Discourse. Modern Artists turn their Studies to Foretelling Things past, and Recording Things to come. The Phrase of Foretelling Passages after they have been transacted, must be taken in a Mental, and not a Physical or Natural Sense. For when the Soothsayer presages a Thing which he knows is in Agitation, and in all Probability must happen, he may very well speak of it as done, and give the Operation of it to the Stars ; what is virtually done, we declare, and thus are properly said to foretell Things past. That Faculty of Recording Matters to come, is a Natural Consequence of the other, it being no more than what the Vulgar call Antedating.

All Arts have risen or fallen according to the Genius of the Persons who liv'd in the different Centuries of the World ; and it has been observable, That each Science hath had its particular Age, and that the most eminent Professors of it have liv'd in the same Century. Thus the most Excellent Greek Orators were Contemporaries with *Demosthenes* ; and *Velleius*

Paterculus observes, That no *Roman* had ever arriv'd at Perfection in Eloquence, who had not been seen by, or who had not seen *Cicero*. The same Thing may be said with respect to Scul'pture and Painting; but it can be observ'd of no Science more properly than Astrology, in which I profess my self an Adept, and am surrounded with a Learned Tribe of the same Profession.

It will not, it is hop'd, be from the Purpose to observe upon the different Talents and Excellencies of these Writers, it being my Design not to abolish this useful Knowledge, but to put it in a clear and intelligible Light, abstracted from the Terms of Art as far as the Thing will admit. The Antients, when they enter'd upon any great Exploit, usually butcher'd their Cattle, and consulted the Heart of an Ox, Bull, or Cow, to know what would be the Success and Politicks of their Commanders: But as this was a Cruel and a Heathen Custom, so it was no less an Ignorant one; and we have in this Century arriv'd at a more exact Knowledge of Things from Animals, without cutting them to Pieces. I must allow, Mr. *Partridge* had in this Particular something laudable. In the Year 1699, on the 10th of *March*, when the *Sun* enter'd into *Aries*, he found out a stray'd Pig only by tracing his Footsteps; and by viewing the Spots on his Back, and the Colour of his Tail, discover'd whom he belong'd to. This will be easily acknowledg'd a more useful and harmless Way of coming at the Truth, than that of Dissection. Again, Mr. *John Gadbury* foretold a Market-Woman, whom he met between *Brandford* and *Chiswick*, (by Observation of a Weasel that cross'd the Road before 'em) That if she fell down upon her Basket she should break her Eggs, which happen'd accordingly. This fell out under *Virgo* and *Libra*, in the Year 1700. Again; The *Dogstar* and the *Bear* have been carefully consulted by Mr. *Saunder*s, and proper Directions given at *Hockley in the Hole* according to his Observations.

This

This Author turn'd his Thoughts very much towards the Service of Life, and was a great Enemy to all Disturbers of Mankind, especially in that important Circumstance of their Food.

Hence it is, That by his Traps in one Year, (provided the Time of setting them were justly observed) he would undertake, (presuming there were but one in each Family) within the Realm of *Great Britain*, to destroy 14000 Mice every Month. His Gins plac'd to the South-East, are as fatal to Foxes.

Other Students have apply'd themselves to more abstruse Things, and have obtain'd great Credit with the Vulgar : But I dare to aver, upon slight and superstitious Reasons, *Parrot* and *Dove* have been consulted by greater Crowds than any of 'em all, upon no other Account than that of their Names ; in which they insinuated, that they had some secret Influence suitable to the Character and Nature of the Volatiles from which they receiv'd their Appellations. This Superstition must be wonderfully Fallacious, for the Word *Parrot* has no Derivation which expresses his Loquacity, neither doth the Word *Dove* barely in it self imply Innocence : If therefore the * Names are not significant of the Natures of the Animals themselves, How much less shall they imply inherent Excellence in Men call'd after those Names ? But this indeed is as much Reasoning as is us'd by some Persons for the Causes of all Predictions, and for the Foundations of what is drawn from Astrological Enquiries in general. The Author of *The Art of Thinking*, argues very well against the common Conclusions of Astrological Pretenders. A Person (says he) beholds in the Heavens an Appearance which he thinks like a Pair of Scales, (tho' at the same Time another may think it as like an *Hawk* or an *Hand-Saw*) and

* *Voces nihil significant a natura.*
Burgesdine, pag. 144.

Q Whether the Fame of *Partridge* be not in some measure owing to his Name.

because a Pair of Scales is the usual Instrument of measuring Proportion and Quantity with us below; therefore he that is born under the Influence of those Stars he liken'd to Scales, shall be just and exact in all his Words and Actions. This is absurd; and the unhappy Exit of some born under that Sign, has too often demonstrated, that it might as well been liken'd to a pair of Gallows.

Upon the Contemplation of such Errors as these, I have prevail'd with my self to publish an Almanack for the Year 1710, and shall accordingly make my Observations; not confining my self to the Four Seasons of the Year, but to Time, Nature, and the World in General. In the first Place, I am to inform my Readers, That the Manner of deriving the Causes of Things from certain Signs in the Heavens, or the Motion of Celestial Bodies, as we observe them, is that in Astrology, which we call *Pedantry* in all other Learning. It is no other than a narrow Capacity, which is satisfied with outward Appearances, and not looking to the true Source of Things: The weakest Part of Mankind are the greatest Proficients in this Second-hand Knowledge; with these, every Circumstance that can happen has its hopeful or fearful Consequences. It is good Luck, if the first Black Lamb you see stands with the Head toward you, ill Luck if it stands otherwise. You must return home if a Hare cross your Way. If you hear a Screech-Owl, make your Will; a Worm in the Wainscot or Bedstead, is a Death-Watch; if you see one Crow in a morning, 'tis an ill Omen; if two, 'tis good: No Business ought to be begun on that Day of the Week on which *Innocents* Day happens. These Superstitions have gain'd Ground among the Vulgar, from the Ignorance of some Writers of Almanacks, and their Predictions at their own Houses, and have obtain'd so far, that they are crept into the very Gentry. Nay, the modern *British Merlins* have made 'em of so great Authority, that even in the ancient and learned

learned Dominion of *Wales*, it is usual to put live Coals in the Kieve when they Brew, to keep the Witch out of the Drink: And in the no less ancient Dutchy of *Cornwall*, it is usual to observe which way the Wind sits when they make sower Milk. There is hardly a County in *Great Britain*, where they do not put a Platter in the Kettle when they boil Hogs Puddings, to preserve them against Enchantment. Moreover, there are Wizards who approve of paring Nails on a *Monday* morning, to prevent being Scratch'd by Fiends the Week following. All these good and evil Events, forsooth, are put upon the Stars, and every heedless Fellow that throws down a Salt, will cry, *Oh! my Stars*. But if it stop'd there, and the Vulgar only were troubled with these Superstitious Prepossessions, I should not have given my self so much Inquietude; but History informs us, That such Simplicities have taken hold even of Princes. *Gregory the Great* being on his Journey to *England*, for the Propagation of the Christian Religion, a *Grasshopper* happen'd to alight on his Hand; which Insect being called in *Latin* *Locusta*, and *Locusta* being derived from *Locum Stare*, and *Locum Stare* signifying to stay in a Place, he chang'd his Pious Resolution from that Omen, which he took to be an Admonition to go no farther. *Gregory Nazianzen*, *Herodian*, *Pliny the Elder*, *Thomas of York*, *Thomas of Malmesbury*, *Sir Robert Touchwood* in his Discourse about the Season of Felling Trees; *Hannibal of the Peak* in his Table-Talk, as well as in his Orations against Cobwebs, and his Method of destroying Spiders, have been large, and perhaps too verbose on this Subject of impertinent Fear or Superstition to leave much more for me to say. The Reverend Father *Stulti Catoni*, the *Portuguese* Casuist, has been also very particular on this Point. I love to do Justice to Men of Letters, but I cannot avoid leaving this Note with the World, That it was this very *Stulti Catoni*, who caused my Prophecies to be burnt by the Learned Inquisition of that Kingdom.

This Author admirably well discuss'd the Secret Trains of Thought and Imagination which perplex'd the Head of Man into false Terrors, and in his Dissertations upon the Reason of Nonsense in common Discourse; that is to say, upon the retir'd Chambers in the *Pericranium* of Talkative People, which move their Tongues faster than their Brains can furnish them with Notions: He has with great Penetration shew'd, that there are some Men who can Talk without having any Brains at all; and from that Vacuity in the Skull he deduces the Cause of Superstition, and places all false Pretenders to Astronomy among this Class of Mankind. But it has always been my Opinion, That Men lose their Natural Force and Store of Parts by too much Reading; for which Reason, I will avoid further Quotations and Searches after the Opinions of others, and speak my own Sentiments of these Things, without the Intervention [of the Thoughts of the Learned.

Methinks we Terrestrial Inhabitants have our Lives writ, and our Actions censur'd, in one Word in the *Greek* Language, wherein we are call'd *ἑκουσίοι*, Children of a Day; but the shortness of our Duration, and the reflection upon our Infirmities, are not sufficient to hinder our aiming at Things which seem too large for our Attempt: But this is very easily to be accounted for; this Life being only a State of Probation for another, in which we are to act our Parts with as much Skill and Address as we are able, to recommend our selves to better Stations hereafter; so that (if the Expression be not too light) we are here but upon our Preferment. All Sages, who will turn their Contemplation on the Worlds about 'em, and consider the Situation and Extent of the Cœlestial Bodies, and duly examine their Motions, must conclude, That they are all inhabited as well as is our Earth; and without doubt, the Policies, Acts and Manners, are as different as the Na-

Nature of the Places allotted for their Dwelling. It is not fit in an Almanack to be particular in explaining such great Truths; but this only we may say, It is certain that Man is the most wonderful of all Creatures in the Universe, and is made such for supplying himself with Necessities, and defending himself by proper Arms for his Safety against his Fellows. Hence it is, That from Youth upward, in considering Futurity with Relation to the Occurrences in this Life, I have bent my Observation on the several Tempers and Complexions of Men, as well as look'd up at the Stars, for the Events I knew we should soon after see accomplish'd. The Luminaries which we see above act Mechanically their Rounds, and are not conscious of what is passing with us; but the Effects they have on the Complexions and Temperament, and consequently on the Designs of Men, is to be seen best in the Aspect and Visage of Man, thus influenc'd by those superiour Bodies. Therefore is this Creature (of which I have the Honour to be one) form'd with Capacities more different than Beings above and below him. Angels have no Occasion for Art or Cunning, but act right on by Will, and in one simple Tract. Brutes have only Appetite, and they keep moving by Instinct, without Perplexity, if they are not in Pain. But we have Volition with Angels, and Appetites with Brutes, which creates a continual War within our selves, and often against all around us. From this therefore it is that we may account for Wars and Rumours of Wars, as well as all other great Transactions amongst us. For there being a Medium arising from both Volition and Appetite, called Judgment or Opinion, which no other Being is troubled with, our Lives are made more perplex'd than those of any other Creatures whatsoever. Thus it is, That a Man in a Closet (provided the Season of Things is apt for it) shall start a Thought that shall put the World in Arms. Upon this Occasion

sion it is not of help to use Astrolabes, and fall into the Contemplation of the Planets and other Heavenly Bodies, but to find out on what sort of Men these Bodies have shed Influence fit for those Incidents in the World which are approaching. This has been ever my Way of Thinking since I have had any Skill or Insight into that Relation which is between superior and inferior Beings. Thus, when all Mankind were astonish'd at the growing Power of the young Monarch of *France*, and at his insatiable Ambition, I lay obscure, contemplating the slow but certain Steps of Fate, and knew, that the making Alliances, the publishing Edicts, the raising Armies, were but Preliminaries to the then Secret and only Means of reducing that exorbitant Power; to wit, till there were Men of Genius influenced by Cœlestial Aspects, grown up, who were born for these great Occasions. Forty Years ago, I remember, I was reckon'd Mad, when one telling me that the *French King* had 60000 Men in Arms, and I answer'd, Pray when did you see Mr. *Churchill*? Do you mind, says the Gentleman, turning to another, His Head is quite about something else. But it was far otherwise, for I knew very well nothing could be accomplish'd till the *English* had a General, who had a secret Contempt for the Enemy, and march'd on with his Life in his Arm, conscious that he was born for the Reduction of Tyranny and Usurpation upon the Liberty of *Europe*. In this one Instance, I have discovered and let you in to the great Secret; for certain it is, That in all that relates to human Life, there are Persons born for the Execution of every Purpose. It had been ever Impertinent to struggle against that Power, if we had still acted with a Secret Approbation of the Manners and Skill of the Enemy above our selves; and indeed, they were come to that Senseless height, that Men acted with a certain Despondence against all the Operations and Politicks of a merry Nation, which had under-

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taken to Enslave the World. I must repeat it therefore, That the only way to make Calculations of what will happen on this inferior Globe, is to examine seriously into the Nature of the Persons in it, and what may be expected from them. But this Computation is not to be made by any but those who are adept, and can look through the false Glitter of Prosperity, as well as the Darkeness of Adversity, which equally hide a Man's Capacity from the Observation of common Eyes. The Genius of a whole Nation is often Intent in the Preservation of a private Person; it watches his lying Down and Uprising, because it knows in his Welfare may consist the good of Numbers, who are not form'd for such Occasions as that Person was ordain'd. Thus one Man is to conduct another in an Art and Science; another in the Defence of their Country; another in the Government of their Lives; from all whom we are to expect our Good or Ill, as from the most Powerful of Second Causes. But we must proceed to our Astrological Observations, and to give an Account of the Method and Order of this our Work.

The Learned Reader will observe, That we have affix'd at the Head of the Directions relating to the Culture of the Soil, and Growth of Vegetables in each respective Month, Verses suitable to the Labours of the Husbandman. I have carefully avoided the Discovery of such Accidents as concern the Interests of Princes, and on which the Fate of Europe more particularly depends; and have turn'd my Thoughts to the Examination of what Changes will happen in the material World, as subject to Nature and Providence, without regard to Political Occurrences.

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However, to convince the World that it is not for Want of Knowledge that I forbear such Predictions, I have foretold, by reading the first Letter only of each Word in each Page, the Fortunes and Deaths of several Persons of less Consequence in the World, and when Things have succeeded according to those Notices, I hope my Readers will allow me as just an Encomium, as if I had let them into the Secret Fate of Princes and Kingdoms.

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IN my Preamble to this Almanack, I have endeavour'd to set the World right, with regard to the Petty Astrologers of this Age: And now I shall conclude with Observations upon an Art which is practis'd by a Species of Learned below even them; that is to say, The Proficients in *Palmistry*. These Persons have for many Ages abus'd, and do still abuse, the Credulous, by Inspections into the Palms of their Hands, for their Fare in Love, Battels, and all other Occurrences. But it is well known, that every Country of the World has had its peculiar Taste, and that in the present Age you may guess at a Man's Fortune better from his Forehead, than his Palm. I confess, indeed, the Art of *Palmistry* had in Ancient Time great and noble Professors, as the Learned *Prætorius*, *Balthasar*, and others. These Men knew the Hand to Perfection, and could immediately tell, by the Softness or Roughness of that Organ, whether the Owner of such and such a Palm was a Gentleman or a Peasant. It is from this Skill, and the Observations drawn from it concerning Men's Abilities, that it became a Proverb to say, *Such a one has Wit at his Fingers Ends; Such a one had a Finger in the Pye; Such a one hath his Fortune in his own Hands*, and so forth. But alas! This Science is almost wholly lost, and People now don't study, but use their Hands to advance their Fortunes. They form Hopes rather from the Gripe and Clinch of their Fists, than the Fairness of their Palms. From this Error have crept into the World, Usurers, Gamesters and Pickpockets.

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What was Palmistry, is now Legerdemain, and the Science is turn'd into the *Slight* of the Hand. Besides the Evil which arises from the Abuse of the Art in our Fortunes, there are also those who practise ill Inventions against Morality, by the Pressure of the Hands of Females; and at the same Time using a Fascination in their Eyes, by tender and false Looks, upon those whom they labour to deceive. Of such, I forewarn all young Virgins to be aware, and never venture to trust their Hands into the Hands of any Man with whom they are not well acquainted; for I foresee great Disasters that will arise this ensuing Year to Friends and Families, from the neglect of this Warning. I purposely forbear to give any further Intimations relating to these occult Dangers, which lurk under the Disguise of Love and of Friendship; having undertaken, at the Sign of the *Lizard* and *Serpent* in *Sheer-lane*, to answer all Lawful Questions in this long neglected Art. I say Lawful, because I will not Transgress against the Rules of Virtue and of Nature, in satisfying the impatient Curiosity of weary Wives, and expecting Heirs. But all Maids and Batchelors may know their Fortunes from me, between the Hours of 8 and 12 in the Morning, and 3 and 5 in the Afternoon. That all Persons may come with Confidence to my Chambers, I do aver, I do not perform any Thing but by the Force of humane Learning: And whereas it has been insinuated by several Men, no less Malicious than Ignorant, that I am a Jesuit, because I am Master of the *Greek* Tongue; and others have taken the Liberty to say, I was nurs'd by a Gypsie, and travell'd before I could walk: I do desire all Persons to beware of Counterfeits, for I am the only Person of all whom the Vulgar call Conjurers, who understand any Thing beyond Gibberish and my Mother Tongue. And since I am provok'd, I shall proceed with great Resolution to detect all Impostors of this Sort upon my Fellow-Subjects; and particularly shall bring a

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Certificate of the Unborn Doctor's Place of Nativity.
I shall also take upon me to give my Opinion, (by
ὑπομαντεία, or Examination of the Palm) of the
Constitution of the Party, as well as by the Method
of Feeling the Pulse. After which, (to shew I do not
study my own private Interest) I ingenuously confess,
according to *Tully's* Observation, as the Learned *Præ-*
torius quotes him, I am at a Loss how this Science,
which the *Greeks* call *μαντεία*, receiv'd it's Rise in the
earliest Ages; and must also allow, That he is midst
happy who can be easie without impertinent En-
quiries into Futurity, according to a Sentiment in
Horace :

Ask not, my Friend, How many Days are giv'n,
Either to you or me, from bounteous Heav'n?
In this wild Search, vain Labour you employ,
To antedate your Grief, and pall your Joy:
Fond Man! Of what you seek your self, you wrong
And lose that Time you study to prolong.

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